

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chizek, please.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, members, I rise to support the amendment of Senator Pappas. I think some of the things that should be pointed out, for example, these individuals would need 40 quarters in order to qualify for Medicare. They would have to have an income between 300 and 325 to qualify for Medicaid and approximately \$50 per dependent, so what we're talking about is a monthly income substantially less than we as state senators make. I think this is a profession that...one of the top five professions for emotional stress and based on the nature of the job and, therefore, I would urge support of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I'm sorry, I apologize, Senator Chizek. What again is the amendment that is being proposed or, Senator Pappas? I think maybe some of us haven't...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, are you asking the question?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I guess Senator Pappas.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Of whom are you asking it?

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Pappas.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas, would you respond, please.

SENATOR PAPPAS: The amendment, what it does is insert the language "or becomes medically disabled". So if they are medically disabled they can still obtain the permit to the benefits of the health insurance as the bill wants them to do anyway. In the histories there has never been anybody so far, but it could happen some time.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, that sounds all right.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion? If not, Senator Pappas, would you like to close on your amendment. Senator Pappas. Senator Pappas, please.

SENATOR PAPPAS: No, just ask for the adoption of the